

BATT'RIES FR T'DAY: ANNABEL AND MARY

University Women's Baseball
Teams Are Rounding
Into Shape.

ONE IS 1000 BATTER

Sophomores' Portside Slab
Artist Is Expected to
Dazzle League.

"Batter up! Aw, stand over the plate; there's nothing to be afraid of! Hold the bat up the other way. Now—when the ball comes over the plate, swing at it!"—And swing she did. It was rather a wide swing, but she didn't care, she was learning how.

Such are the sounds to be heard echoing from the Women's Gymnasium any day this week. The girls are playing indoor baseball. True, some of them are A. R. C. students, while others might be ranked as graduates, but they are all getting initiated into the ways of the game before practice begins on the field.

It is mostly the freshmen who are being taught the rudiments of baseball and the art of playing it. Such questions as—What is a base? What is a foul? Do I strike at all of them? and so on, are answered by the patient gym teacher until these new girls are made familiar with the game. Yet there are some who know more about the game than upperclassmen may think. Haven't they witnessed the games in the good old summer time played between "Prairie Flower" and "Saxon Heights" when their heroes of the diamond wielded the bat as only a professional can?

Sophomores, juniors and seniors have already had their introduction when each were freshmen, for woman's baseball has become an established sport at the University of Missouri. These need no preliminary training before out-door practice begins, but some of them, feeling the spirit of it, are there with the freshmen putting the ball where they want it and consequently putting themselves up as an ideal before their aspiring juniors. Others stand by, watching the freshman mistakes, giving knowing smiles, and seemingly sympathetic nods when the poor freshman dodges the ball or strikes at the first one that is put over. But she doesn't seem to care, as she feels that she will get even with this older, wiser, sister ere long.

Just two weeks of this indoor baseball and then out go the girls, clad in middie and bloomers, to try their skill on the field. Then when the umpire calls "Batter up!" the enthusiast will no longer tremble to take her place but feel confident enough in her ability to put the ball where she wants it to go—sometimes over the fence.

Time was when baseball as a recreation for women was scoffed at, at the University. Such a modified form of the national sport was too simple to be tolerated. Not so, now. The woman's baseball game is played almost the same as the men's. Perhaps the bat isn't quite so heavy, the ball isn't quite so large, or the diamond is a few feet smaller; the same methods of play are used, the mask is donned in the same way, the balls are pitched with as many fancy curves, the bat is swung with as much ease, and as many home runs are made. The only difference is in the number of players, the girls using ten, five in the infield instead of four.

Enthusiasm runs high when class games begin. The juniors and seniors especially are rivals. Each team has its particular players which are cherished with care. For example, there is a famous first baseman with the seniors, a left-handed one, too, who has held her position since her freshman days. The juniors have an all-star batter who makes good in any play she attempts, and can always put the ball in a place where it will score one for her team. The sophomores boast of a southpaw pitcher whose arm is handled with care, and the freshmen—well, it remains to be seen what they will develop.

WANTED! APPRECIATIVE CHICKS

Benton School Children Object to
Flower Bed Mutilation.

According to Miss L. Cornelia Crumbaugh, principal of the Benton School, some folks' chickens are interfering with the esthetic education of other folks' children. At the sides of the entrance to the school the pupils have planted beds of tulips, asters and other early blooming flowers which the free-roving poultry of the neighborhood have undertaken to tend—with disastrous results.

The pupils think that if their owners would only keep the fowls at home long enough to give the flowers a chance, the beauty would soon convert them to such an appreciation that they would keep the chickens within bounds

rather than see the flowers destroyed. Some of the pupils want to know if the psychology department or the poultry department of the University cannot devise some way to train chickens to appreciate flowers in the right way, and so put an end to the school-going propensities of Mr. Chanticleer and Mrs. Biddy, which, so far, have proved more baffling than those of Mary's lamb. The pupils of the cooking department say that if the problem is turned over to them, they will solve it and furnish a treat of chicken sandwiches all round. The Mothers' Club has enough to do in hovering the Benton School, without attending to all the chickens of the neighborhood. The members have advised the principal to swear out warrants for the arrest of the offenders.

WILL SHOW PREPAREDNESS PLAY

Walnut Street Theater to Exhibit
"Battle Cry of Peace" Friday.

A picture that took seven months to produce and that is 18,000 feet long will be seen in Columbia next Friday and Saturday. It is the "Battle Cry of Peace," which will be shown at the Walnut Street Theater.

The picture is not a dramatization of any book; it is a plea for national preparedness. Aeroplanes, Zeppelins, submarines, battleships and armed motor cars, all have their place in depicting the defense of the country. Instead of the ordinary "supe" 1,600 national guardsmen were used for the army and the equipment used had been in real action.

Eight hundred members of the G. A. R. were brought from over the United States to make the scenes realistic. Besides the trained soldiers and the leading actors, 5,000 horses were used. Several of the horses were killed and several soldiers hurt while the picture was in the making.

The cost of the production was \$100,000. The greater part of this was expended in "rebuilding" New York, around which the action mostly takes place.

The music for the "Battle Cry of Peace" was arranged for the picture, and a symphony orchestra of forty men "play the picture."

M. U. Graduate Refuses Better Job.

D. C. Wood, B. S. in Agr. '15, now assistant professor of farm management in the Montana Agricultural College at Bozeman, recently refused to accept the position of state leader of county agents in New Mexico. The reason he gave was that he wanted to make good at his first job before accepting a better one.

Grade Cards Issued at C. H. S.

Grade cards for the third quarter were distributed at the Columbia High School yesterday.

EVEN MISSOURI MAY LEARN, HE DECLARES

World War Will Teach Efficiency to All Nations,
Says S. D. Gromer.

"LEADERS ARE FEW"

State Has Resources but
Lacks Directors, Opinion
of M. U. Professor.

"The time has come for would-be leaders and politicians in Missouri to quit making it their prime business to shout from the housetops that Missouri is the first state in the Union in practically every line of endeavor," says Prof. S. D. Gromer of the department of economics, who recently stirred St. Louis by a speech on Missouri and Missourians.

"The truth is that maybe one Missourian out of a thousand because of his efficiency places Missouri first in some line of production, and the rest of the thousand, through inefficiency, place her average fifteenth, thirtieth or fortieth, as the case may be. As an example, Missouri took first on plate apples at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, it was at once heralded over the state that this was the greatest apple state in the Union; as a matter of fact, Missouri ranks in efficiency of production of apples about forty-second. Probably more than 90 per cent of her orchards are unsprayed, and this spells, on its face, 'failure.'"

"War Demonstrates Inefficiency."

"The present war is demonstrating the great inefficiency of many lines of activity," said Professor Gromer. "With the Allies, especially, old political and industrial methods are being swept away for something more efficient. The close of the war will not leave the warring nations nearly so weak industrially as we think, and it will leave them strengthened enormously as to efficiency."

"To return to Missouri. We have the soil, climate and population which, if properly utilized and trained, could make Missouri the leading commonwealth in many lines of production. Along with these advancements, there is no reason why Missouri should not take equally high rank socially and politically."

Missouri's Stand in Education.

"Most Missourians have heard the statement made boastfully that Missouri is the first state in the Union educationally because we had a large permanent school fund, but a recent

reasonably careful investigation places us about thirty-second. In this respect, we may at least be thankful that some former slave states have beaten us to the lowest place."

"What we need in Missouri is more efficiency, and that means a better school system, better roads, better farming, a more equitable distribution of wealth through co-operation and other means and a rejuvenation of the country church. We need a new constitution along modern lines and rural and state leadership that realizes these great needs of Missouri and that will really and efficiently lead."

"We have the scriptural statement that 'If the blind lead the blind, they will all fall into the ditch.' There is too much of this sort of leadership in Missouri at the present time."

ANOTHER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

New Building Dedicated in Holt County—90 Now in Missouri.

A. R. Evans, instructor in farm crops, returned Saturday from Holt County where he was present at the dedication of a new consolidated school. The school is in charge of Lloyd Thatcher, a graduate of the University and a former assistant in biology.

This is the fourth consolidated school for Holt County and was built by popular subscription. The question of another consolidated district will be voted upon next month. There are now ninety consolidated schools in Missouri.

On the same trip, Mr. Evans organized boys' corn clubs at Bigelow and Portescene.

New Poultry Circular Issued.

A new circular, "The Judging of Chickens," made its first appearance yesterday. It was written by H. L. Kempster, professor of poultry, for the agricultural extension service. Copies may be had from A. J. Meyer, secretary of the service, College of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo.

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\$5.00 For Five Church Advertisements

The Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Columbia are planning a "spring drive" which will take the form of special services beginning Palm Sunday and lasting one week or until Easter morning.

During this period there will be special services at each of the foregoing churches each evening.

These churches in a thoroughly modern and business like manner are going to advertise these services in the newspapers so that every citizen of Columbia and vicinity will attend church while the "spring drive" is in progress.

The Missourian has been commissioned to prepare the advertisements that are to be inserted in the newspapers preceding the special religious week.

The Missourian feels that every citizen of Columbia should have an opportunity to write an advertisement for this series of religious advertisements, so it offers \$1 each for the five best advertisements.

Each ad should set forth clear and distinct reasons why every person in Columbia should attend church during this religious week. The ad should not contain more than 200 words. It should be written plainly or typewritten on one side of the paper and mailed to the Church Editor of the Missourian not later than Saturday, April 8. The ads that win the prizes will be used with the names of the writers if desired to open the advertising campaign. This contest is open to school children, all university high school and college students as well as anyone else in Columbia or vicinity.